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0445-0316P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: TOYOSHIMA et al. Conf.: 9924  
Appl. No.: 10/019,650 Group: 3761  
Filed: January 3, 2002 Examiner: M. M. KIDWELL  
For: ABSORBENT MEMBER HAVING THREE DIMENSIONAL GUARDS  
ATTN: REFUND SECTION  
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REQUEST FOR REFUND

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Director of the U.S. Patent  
and Trademark Office  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I. REFUND REQUEST

This is a request for a refund with respect to the fees paid on July 15, 2004 for the above-identified application. A copy of the postcard showing receipt of the fees is attached hereto.

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## II. FEES PAID FOR WHICH REFUND IS REQUESTED

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AMOUNT OF  
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<input type="checkbox"/>	surcharge for filing the basic filing on a date later than the filing date of the application (37 C.F.R. § 1.16(e))	_____
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	TOTAL REFUND REQUESTED	<u>\$310.00</u>

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III. EXPLANATION OF WHY CONTESTED CHARGE IS IN ERROR

Only one month's extension of time was needed since the response was filed on Jul 15, 2004. A fee of \$420.00 was paid instead of \$110.00. Applicants' request a refund of the difference of \$310.00.

IV. MANNER OF REFUND

Please make refund by crediting Account No. 02-2448.

We respectfully request that the attached copy of this letter be returned to us with an indication that the credit has been processed.

Respectfully submitted,

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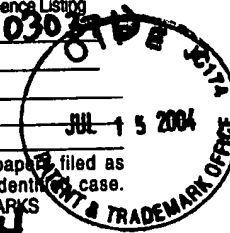
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July 15, 2004

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Request for Reconsideration in the above-identified application.

- ☐ The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.
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The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEE
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